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1. [redacted] the ration strength of troops in the barracks installations in Rathenow (N 53/4 15) on 10 July 1952 was as follows: about 100 EM and 17 officers in the Infanterie Kaserne at Nordbahnhof; 145 EM and 25 officers in the Pionier Kaserne on Rudolf Breitscheid Strasse; and 100 EM and 19 officers in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne on Seeliner Wiese. (1)

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2. Troops and materiel loaded at Nordbahnhof on 7 July included about 30 officers and 240 EM, prime mover [redacted] one 122-mm gun and 12 vehicles. [redacted]

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3. On 5 July, the Infanterie Kaserne on Nordbahnhof quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, about two thirds of whom had motor transport insignia and one third had artillery insignia. Ten soldiers wore signal insignia. Troops were engaged in driving practice and guard duty. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation [redacted]

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5. On 5 July, the Pionier Kaserne on Rudolf Breitscheid Strasse quartered about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops were engaged in driving practice and guard duty.

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6. On 5 July, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne on Semliner Strasse quartered a small rear detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four prime movers towing 152-mm field howitzers were being used for driving practice.

7. On 5 July, the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. the unit was a corps headquarters.

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8. On 5 July, only a guard detail of four soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets was observed in the repair shop on Friedrich Ebert Ring, at the intersection of Friedrich Lange Strasse. (7)

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9. During the period from 23 June to 5 July, a rocket launcher unit was determined in the Soviet quarters in Premnitz, 8 km south of Rathenow.

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10. On 25 June, the Soviet quarters in Premnitz, south of Rathenow, quartered about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and included some with artillery insignia.

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11. On 27 June, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne on Semliner Strasse was occupied by a rear unit of about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. There was driving practice with vehicles but no other training activity was noticed.

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12. On 28 June, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne quartered a rear detail totaling about 120 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was observed.

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13. On 21 June, the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse quartered about 120 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive traffic of officers was noticed.

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14. On 28 June, the repair shop on Friedrich Ebert Ring, at the intersection Friedrich Lange Strasse was vacant and guarded by a detail of about 15 men. (7)

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15. At 7 p.m. on 18 June, about 100 trucks 2 field kit-chens and troops with red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Rathenow railroad station. (7)

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Comments.

- (1) The information indicates no changes in Rathenow since the last report of 21 June 1952.

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